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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 6/18/2004 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:
- a) ☐ entered.
 - b) ☒ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.
 - c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.
Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.
 - d) ☐ disapproved. See explanation below.
 - e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

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Response to Amendment

1. Applicant filed an amendment on 6/18/2004 pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.312 requesting entry of amendments to the application after the mailing of the Notice of Allowance on 3/22/2004 but on or before payment of the issue fee. This amendment seeks to correct minor typographical errors in the specification and to correct duplicate numbering and remove superfluous reference lines appearing in Figures 1, 2, and 3. This amendment has been entered.

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2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Josiah Cocks whose telephone number is (571) 272-4874. The examiner can normally be reached on weekdays from 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

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